



Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format.

Respectfully submitted,

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- 12. (Amended) A method for isolating genetic loci according to [any one of claims 7 to 11] <u>claim 7</u> in which open reading frames are identified within 500 Kb of said allele.
- 19. (Amended) A method for determining individual susceptibility to osteoarthritis according to [any one of claims 13 to 15] <u>claim 13</u> in which one or more of the following genomic regions is additionally analysed; a genomic region comprising the polymorphic marker D6S273 and a genomic region comprising the polymorphic marker DXS1068.